

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroaki KAWAI et al.

Serial Number: 09/282,450

Filed: March 31, 1999

For: COMMODITY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Group Art Unit: 2876

Examiner: D. Lee

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 31, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2001, extended to December 31, 2001 by a two month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-2 and 7-12 as follows:

- Sub D1
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1. (Three Times Amended) A commodity information management system for managing a commodity as well as security thereof based on a barcode and a tag attached to said commodity, said system comprising:
 - a reader for reading the barcode;
 - a deactivator provided downstream from said reader for deactivating the tag after the barcode is read by the reader;